

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

**ScholarWorks @ UTRGV**

---

Kika de la Garza Congressional Papers -  
Newsletters

Kika de la Garza Congressional Papers

---

1-31-1974

## **Newsletter - 1974-01-31**

E. De la Garza

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.utrgv.edu/kikadelagarzanews>



Part of the [State and Local Government Law Commons](#)

---

### **Recommended Citation**

Kika de la Garza Congressional Papers - Newsletters, UTRGV Digital Library, The University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Kika de la Garza Congressional Papers at ScholarWorks @ UTRGV. It has been accepted for inclusion in Kika de la Garza Congressional Papers - Newsletters by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks @ UTRGV. For more information, please contact [justin.white@utrgv.edu](mailto:justin.white@utrgv.edu), [william.flores01@utrgv.edu](mailto:william.flores01@utrgv.edu).

FROM: Kika de la Garza

WASHINGTON, D C--During the first session of the 93rd Congress, which ran from January 3 through December 22, 1973, bills and resolutions introduced in the House of Representatives totaled 17,528. Of these measures, 717 were passed.

I recently received from the Clerk of the House a complete record of my attendance and how I voted on each measure coming up during last year's session. There were 726 roll call votes in the House and I was present and voting for 90 percent of them. I also tried throughout the year to keep all my commitments in the District, do my share of the work on the two committees of which I am a member, take care of my personal affairs and meet my family responsibilities. And I even took a few days out to nurse a case of flu. At times I felt I should be twins...

\* \* \* \* \*

NATIONAL FUEL NEEDS---Farm needs for fuel are actually national needs. So said Federal Energy Office Administrator William E. Simon in spelling out the precise meaning of regulations giving top priority for fuel to U.S. farmers.

Here is just what the top man said about the top priority:

Gasoline will be provided to agricultural users on a priority basis, supplying 100 percent of what they need.

Propane, butane and mixes will be provided to agricultural users on a priority basis, supplying 100 percent of what they need.

Residual fuel oil will be provided to agricultural users on a priority basis, supplying 100 percent of what they need.

Diesel fuel for agricultural production will be provided on a priority basis, supplying 100 percent of what the farmer needs.

Important to South Texas is the fact that agricultural activities include commercial fishing, as defined in regulations issued by the Federal Energy Office.

In making these flat statements here in Washington, Mr Simon further pointed out that planting an additional 10 million acres next year would increase farm fuel needs for gasoline by a million barrels, diesel fuel by about 12 million barrels, and liquefied petroleum gas by two to four million barrels. "However," he said strongly, "I believe that farm needs are really national needs."

And of course he's right. America's farmers must receive the fuel they need for their operations to help protect the nation's health and economy.

Farm exports, it is predicted, will reach approximately \$19 billion this

year. These exports are a major ingredient in providing the U.S. with a trade surplus, and the future stability of our dollar is dependent upon our balance of payments.

The fuel allocation program is mandatory. If any farm producer in the 15th Congressional District is unable to obtain the fuel he needs, I hope he will get in touch with my office. I will do everything I can to be helpful. Wholesale distributors are obligated to provide fuels to the end users according to the specifications in the fuel allocation regulations.

\* \* \* \* \*

FARM EMERGENCY LOANS--Up to April 2 the U.S. Department of Agriculture will accept applications for farm emergency loans in counties that have been designated for emergency loans due to natural disasters occurring since December 26, 1972. This is in accordance with a law we enacted in Congress last year.

South Texas farmers in eligible counties affected by this winter's freezing weather must make formal application if they wish to be included in the program. Applications will be accepted through close of business on April 2 at Farmers Home Administration county offices.

The new emergency loan law provides additional benefits for eligible applicants suffering losses of physical property or production due to natural disasters occurring after December 26, 1972, but prior to April 20, 1973. However, applications also will be considered for natural disasters occurring after April 20.

Farm emergency loans, in addition to covering physical or production losses, may include annual operating and living expenses essential to continuing normal farm or ranch operations.

\* \* \* \* \*

KEEP UP YOUR HOUSE--If the roof of your house springs a leak, should you fix it yourself or call a repairman? What should you do if gas is escaping in the house but you can't find the source?

These are the kinds of questions that are asked and answered in a new government publication, "Protecting Your Housing Investment." The booklet describes the principal points in a home which should receive regular attention and tells what homeowners can do in certain emergencies. Using the descriptions given, you can decide whether to tackle routine maintenance or repair jobs yourself or hire a professional.

I have available some copies of this helpful booklet and will be glad to send one on request to any resident of the 15th Congressional District.

\* \* \* \* \*

HOME AGAIN--Lucille and I will be at the beautiful Mission Citrus Fiesta again this year --this time with Lucille being a model. It will be good to have the chance to participate again---not only to see the elegant gowns the clever Mission ladies put together from fruits and vegetables, but to watch my wife model one. The event starts January 31st so it will be back home to attend this and other events which are scheduled for that week-end in the winter garden spot of the nation.

\* \* \* \* \*